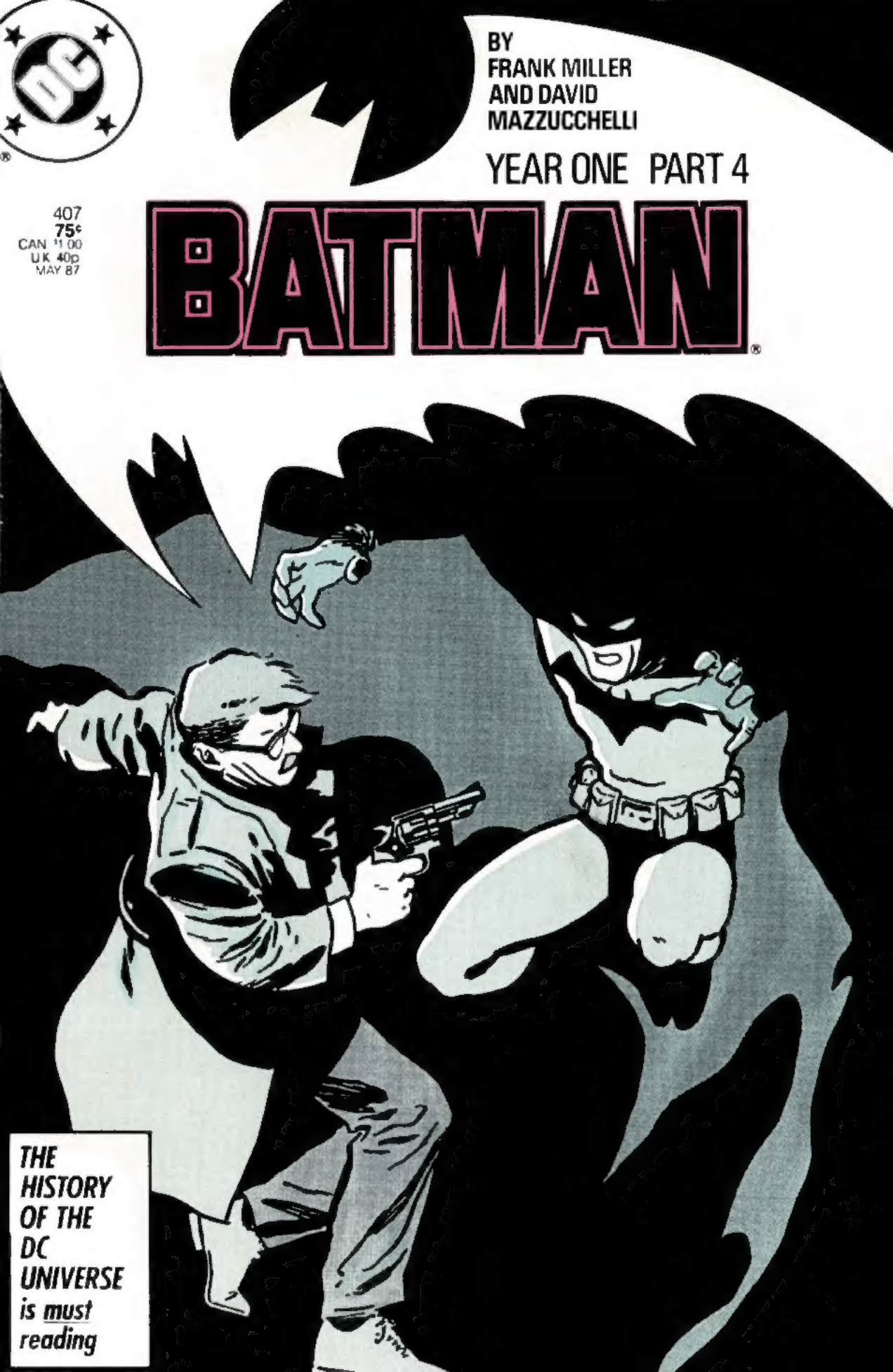
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HERO COP LIEUTENANT *JAMES GORDON* TODAY APPREHENDED NOTORIOUS NARCOTICS DEALER *JEFFERSON SKEEVERS*. IT LOOKS LIKE *GORDON'S* OUT TO SET A *RECORD*. RIGHT, TOM?

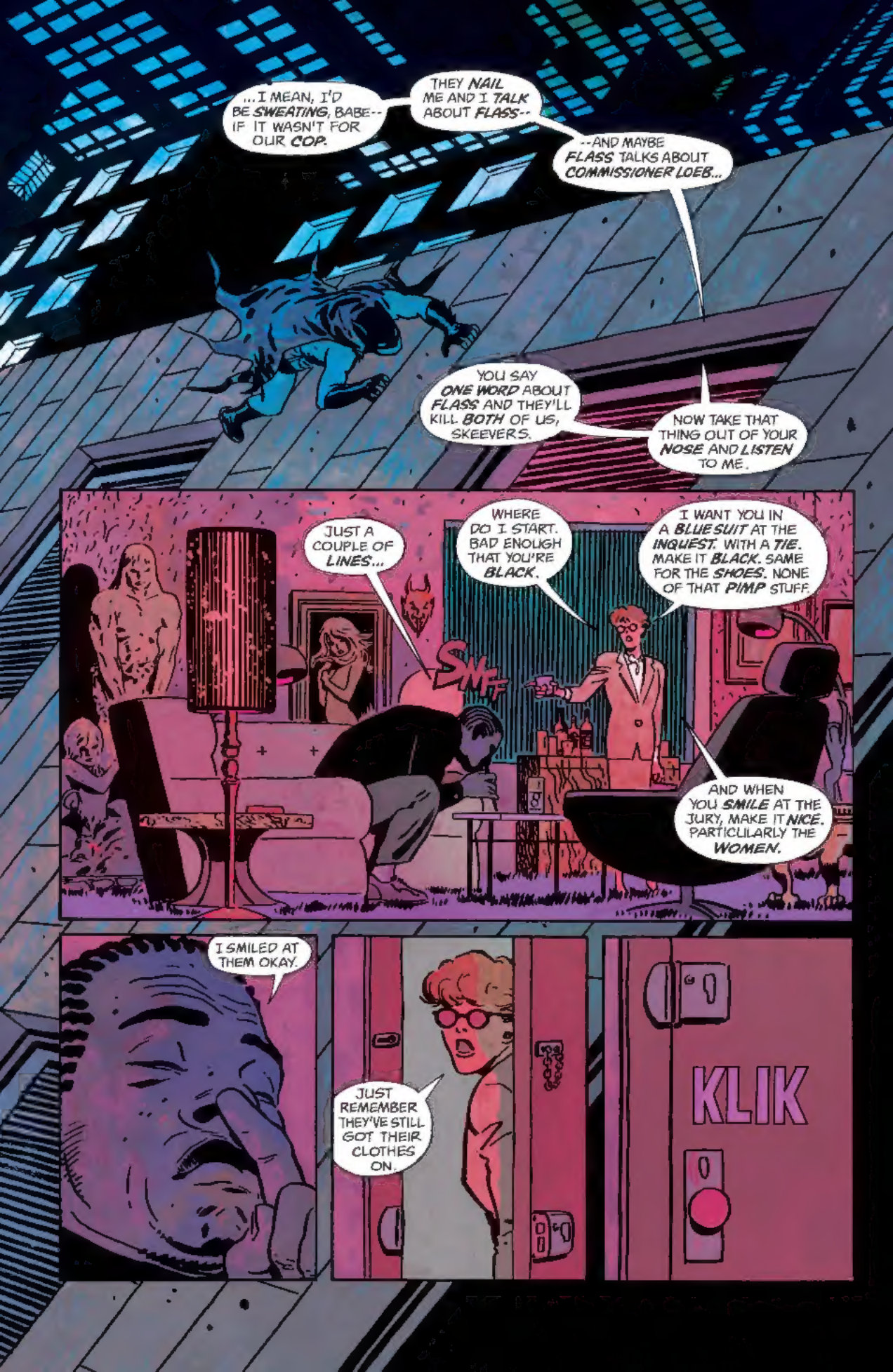
IT SURE DOES, TRISH. HE'S CAUGHT A *BIG* FISH THIS TIME. IF SKEEVERS IS *CONVICTED*, THIS'LL BE THE *FOURTH* TIME HE GOES TO PRISON. BET THEY THROW AWAY THE *KEY*.

September 7
Her arms are strong. Her whole body's strong.
It's late. We've both worked late again.
I never get tired around her.
She's requested a transfer. She's leaving Gotham City.
I'm in love with her.
It's the only thing to do.

JUDGE RAFFERTY SET *BAIL* FOR *JEFFERSON SKEEVERS*. SURPRISINGLY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY *HARVEY DENT* DID NOT *ARGUE* WITH THIS DECISION...

September 10
I *KNOW* YOU AREN'T ON THE *TAKE*-- AND I DON'T *THINK* YOU'RE *CRAZY*--
--SO TELL ME *WHY* YOU LET THEM LET *SKEEVERS* OUT ON THE *STREET*, DENT--
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU *FEEL*, LIEUTENANT.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BORROW MY *UMBRELLA*?

DENT AND *GORDON* ARE *HOT* FOR YOU, SKEEVERS. THEY'D *LOVE* TO CATCH YOU WITH YOUR PANTS DOWN.
NNFF
CATCH ME? THEY *CAUGHT* ME, BABE--AND THEY LET ME *GO*. AND *YOU* GOT ME A *COURT ORDER* TYING *GORDON'S* HANDS...


...I MEAN, I'D BE SWEATING, BABE-- IF IT WASN'T FOR OUR COP.
THEY NAIL ME AND I TALK ABOUT FLASS--
--AND MAYBE FLASS TALKS ABOUT COMMISSIONER LOEB...
YOU SAY ONE WORD ABOUT FLASS AND THEY'LL KILL BOTH OF US, SKEEVERS.
NOW TAKE THAT THING OUT OF YOUR NOSE AND LISTEN TO ME.
JUST A COUPLE OF LINES...
SMF
WHERE DO I START. BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU'RE BLACK.
I WANT YOU IN A BLUE SUIT AT THE INQUEST. WITH A TIE. MAKE IT BLACK. SAME FOR THE SHOES. NONE OF THAT PIMP STUFF.
AND WHEN YOU SMILE AT THE JURY, MAKE IT NICE. PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN.
I SMILED AT THEM OKAY.
JUST REMEMBER THEY'VE STILL GOT THEIR CLOTHES ON.
KLIK

KLKLANGG
CLOSED THE WINDOW...
SKKRASSHHH
EXIT
WHAT THE HELL--
--SKEEVERS. YOU ALL RIGHT?
EXIT
I'M FINE.
BETTER LAY OFF THAT COKE.
EXIT
BAD ON THE NERVES.
EXIT

YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE ME.
NNGG
BULLETS DON'T HARM ME.
NOTHING HARMS ME.
BUT I KNOW PAIN.
I KNOW PAIN.
SOMETIMES I SHARE IT.
WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
September 12
WANT TO TALK TO DENT. COP A PLEA. WANT TO TALK. ABOUT FLASS.
MERKEL. GET DENT.
FORGET TO TELL THE COMMISSIONER.
I'M GONE...
SOURCES INSIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT GOTHAM POLICE DETECTIVE ARNOLD FLASS HAS BEEN IMPLICATED IN SKEEVERS' DRUG OPERATION...

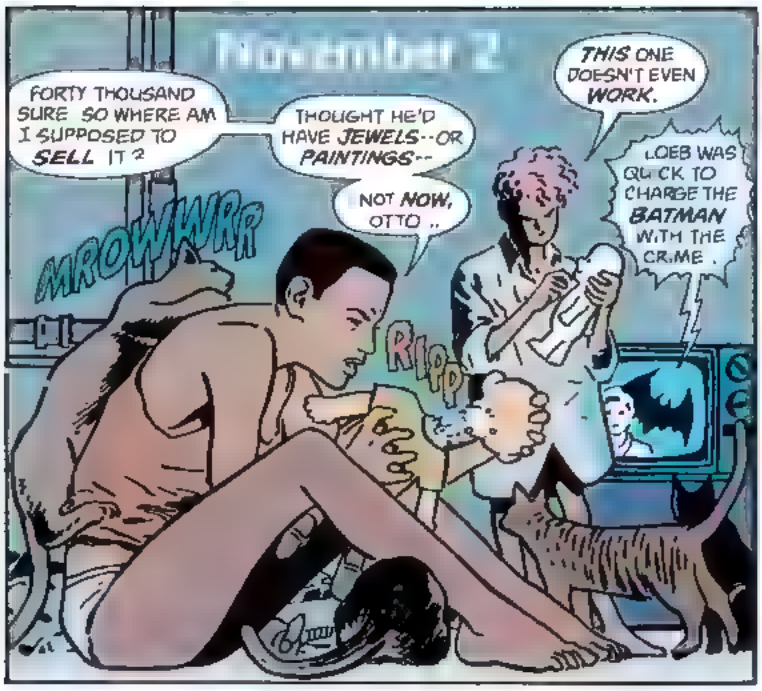
September 13
DETECTIVE FLASS IS A FRIEND OF MINE, GORDON. YOU MIGHT HAVE AT LEAST INFORMED ME OF YOUR PLANS BEFORE HANDING HIS HEAD TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
IT WAS A SLIP, SIR. EVERYBODY'S WORKING SUCH LONG HOURS.
GILLIAN B. L
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
FRIENDSHIP, GORDON. LOYALTY. THESE WORDS STILL COUNT FOR SOMETHING IN GOTHAM CITY.
WE TOOK YOU IN. YES WE DID. BLEMISHES AND ALL. AND YOU DO HAVE YOUR BLEMISHES. AND YOU GO AND--
SMASHES DRUG RING
STOP
I'VE DONE EXACTLY WHAT I PROMISED, COMMISSIONER. YOU GET MY BEST WORK.
YOU GET GOOD PRESS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
THEY LIKE YOU, DON'T THEY, AGEE AND HIS PACK AT THE GAZETTE.
BUT THEY DON'T KNOW YOU. NO THEY DON'T.
NOT THE WAY WE KNOW YOU.
TERRIBLE IF THEY--OR YOUR WIFE--LEARNED OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP--
-- WITH SERGEANT ESSEN.
WALLS HAVE EARS, JIMMY.

September 25
COMMISSIONER LOEB ASSURES GOTHAM THAT THE MANHUNT FOR THE BATMAN CONTINUES, WITH HERO COP JAMES GORDON ON THE CASE...
The butler makes us feel as welcome as a virus. He leads us through a few dozen rooms the size of small states to Wayne's study.
Wayne's been out of the country. Wayne's had the flu. This morning I was told he had a hangover, but he'd see me.
Better than having Barbara stay at home and worry about being so overdue...
POLICE LIEUTENANT AND MRS. GORDON, SIR.
MRS. GORDON. I'M CHARMED.
ALFRED--BE A JOY AND GET SOME GLASSES FOR OUR GUESTS.
AND ANOTHER BOTTLE. THIS ONE'S EVAPORATED.
LITTLE EARLY IN THE DAY FOR US, THANKS.
MR. WAYNE--I DON'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR TIME...
MY TIME IS WORTHLESS, LIEUTENANT. JUST ASK ALFRED.
HMF.
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR EXPLOITS, LIEUTENANT, AND I MUST SAY THAT I'M IMPRESSED. YOU'RE GETTING AS MUCH PRESS AS BATMAN.
IT IS BATMAN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, ISN'T IT? SOMETHING ABOUT MY BEING HIM?
EXCUSE ME. IT MUST BE THE CHAMPAGNE. I NEGLECTED TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND--YOU SEE, I'M NOT SURE OF HER NAME, AND SHE DOESN'T SPEAK ANY LANGUAGE I KNOW...
THAT MUST BE CONVENIENT.
BARBARA.
MR. WAYNE, I NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOU WERE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES...

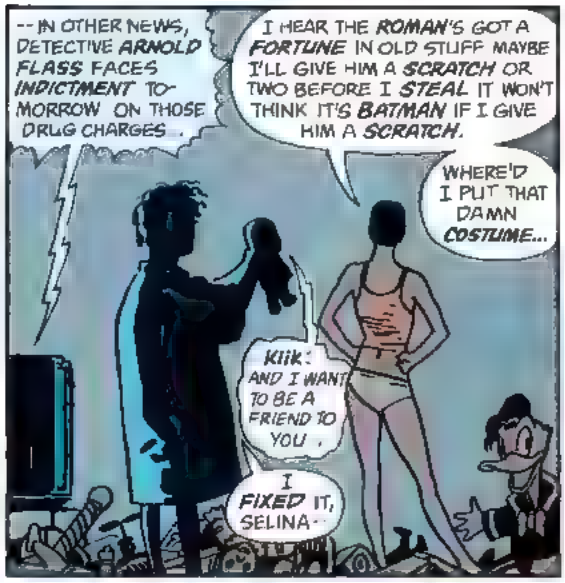
He laughs and rings for his butler. His butler brings his datebook.
I could auction off the phone numbers in his datebook for a fortune.
They're all women. They're all famous. They're all beautiful.
HE'S A PIG, JIM.
HE'S ACTING LIKE ONE, THAT'S FOR SURE ... BUT...
...BUT ANY MAN WHO'D WEAR A CAPE-- AND IT'S A CAPE, NOT WINGS, I'VE SEEN IT--
--ANYBODY WHO'D WEAR A CAPE AND HUNT CRIMINALS MIGHT GO PRETTY FAR TO KEEP HIS SECRETS...
... SECRETS. DAMN IT ALL...
JIM -- WHY ARE YOU STOPPING?
HONEY, THERE'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT.
TEN MINUTES HE'S BEEN THERE...
... NOW HE'S MOVING. GOOD.
ALFRED-- HOW DID YOU LIKE MY PERFORMANCE?
POSITIVELY VAUDEVILLIAN, SIR. I GATHER THE REMAINING BOTTLE OF CLUB SODA MAY BE LEFT IN ITS PROPER CONTAINER?
HMF. I SUPPOSE YOU'LL TAKE UP FLYING NEXT--
--LIKE THAT FELLOW IN METROPOLIS.
October 2
SKEEVERS TOLD US WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW MUCH MONEY YOU RECEIVED, FLASS.
AND YOU'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT MORE THAN YOU'RE EARNING...
YOU'RE FACING TEN YEARS IN PRISON, FLASS.
THAT'S IF SKEEVERS IS ALIVE ENOUGH TO TESTIFY.
MY CLIENT DIDN'T MEAN THAT...
BATMAN
CREATED BY
BOB KANE

October 10
SKEEVERS IS STILL GOING TO TESTIFY AGAINST FLASS. DOESN'T CARE THAT HIS ATTORNEY QUIT.
WHATEVER HE'S SCARED OF, IT'S-- WHAT'S SO FUNNY, DENT?

...FOURTH IN A DARING SERIES OF CAT BURGLARIES. COMMISSIONER LOEB'S PRIVATE COLLECTION OF POP MEMORABILIA IS VALUED AT FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS...


November 2
FORTY THOUSAND SURE SO WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO SELL IT?
THOUGHT HE'D HAVE JEWELS--OR PAINTINGS--
NOT NOW, OTTO..
MROWWRR
RIPP
THIS ONE DOESN'T EVEN WORK.
LOEB WAS QUICK TO CHARGE THE BATMAN WITH THE CRIME.

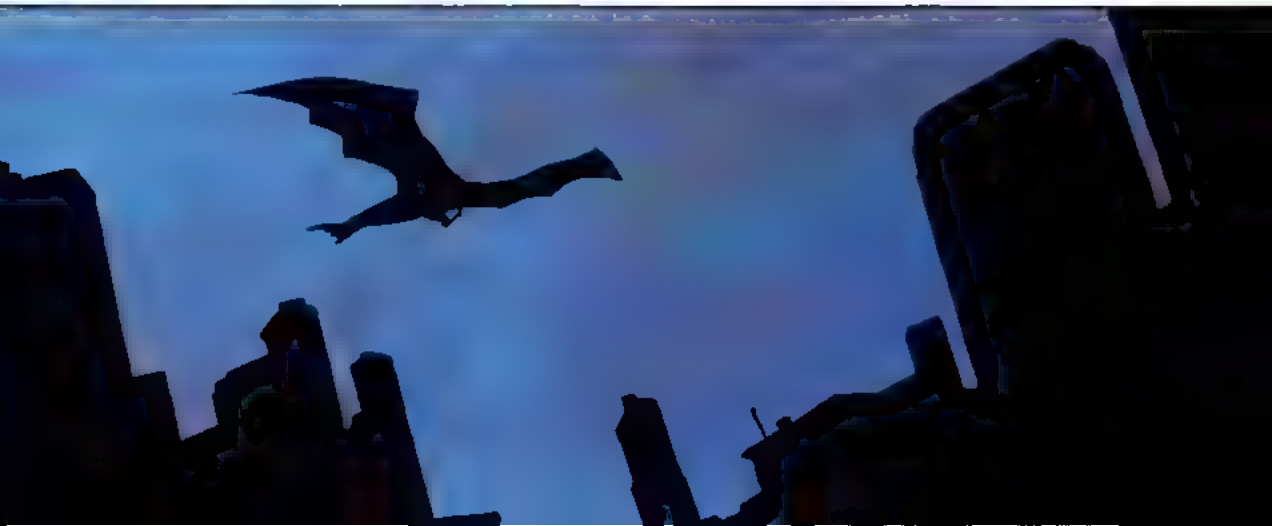
BATMAN THEY'RE GIVING THE CREDIT TO BATMAN, ACES.
SELINA--YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO KNOW IT WAS YOU...
...LEAVING GOTHAM TO WONDER --IS THE BATMAN A VIGILANTE--A THIEF--A ROBIN HOOD?--


--IN OTHER NEWS, DETECTIVE ARNOLD FLASS FACES INDICTMENT TOMORROW ON THOSE DRUG CHARGES..
I HEAR THE ROMAN'S GOT A FORTUNE IN OLD STUFF MAYBE I'LL GIVE HIM A SCRATCH OR TWO BEFORE I STEAL IT WON'T THINK IT'S BATMAN IF I GIVE HIM A SCRATCH.
WHERE'D I PUT THAT DAMN COSTUME...
Klik: AND I WANT TO BE A FRIEND TO YOU.
I FIXED IT, SELINA-

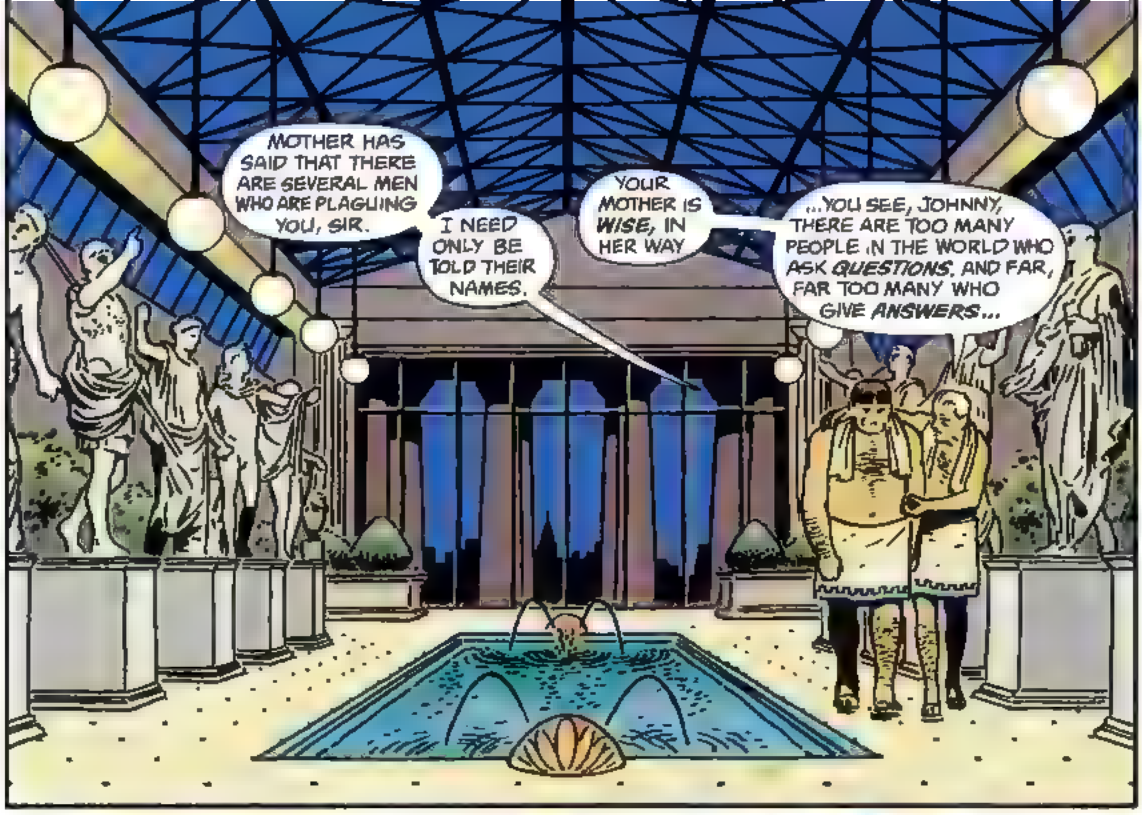
COME ALONG NOW AND JOIN THE PARTY..
SELINA- I FIXED IT--
SCRATCH HIM ON THE FACE. JUST ONCE. HE COULD USE IT

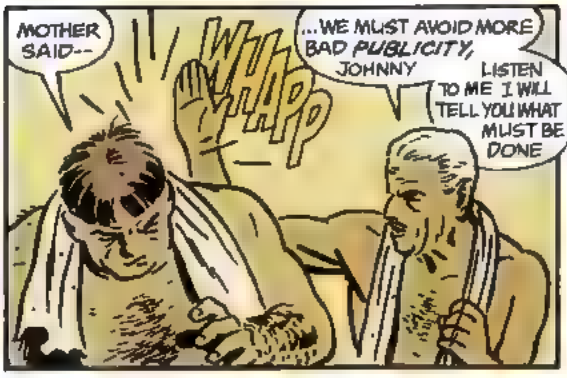
INDUSTRY EXPERTS WERE STUNNED BY THE DEMONSTRATION OF UNHEARD-OF POSSIBILITIES FOR LIGHTWEIGHT, DURABLE PLASTICS...

WAYNE
CHEMICALS



JOHNNY. LITTLE JOHNNY YOU'RE A MAN NOW. A STRONG MAN
AND HOW IS MY SYSTER? MY BEAUTIFUL, FAITHFUL SISTER.
MOTHER IS WELL, SIR. SHE SENDS HER DEEPEST DEVOTION. SHE PRAYS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS.
I FEAR I NEED HER PRAYERS, JOHNNY I NEED HER SON.
AND YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT YOU ARE BRAVE AS HORATIUS, JOHNNY.
HAVE I TOLD YOU OF HORATIUS? ONE MAN ON A NARROW BRIDGE--HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST HUNDREDS --UNTIL--
IT HAS THRILLED ME EVERY TIME, SIR
I AM, OF COURSE, YOURS.


MOTHER HAS SAID THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL MEN WHO ARE PLAGUING YOU, SIR.
I NEED ONLY BE TOLD THEIR NAMES.
YOUR MOTHER IS *WISE*, IN HER WAY
...YOU SEE, JOHNNY, THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO ASK *QUESTIONS*, AND FAR, FAR TOO MANY WHO GIVE *ANSWERS*...


MOTHER SAID--
WHAP
...WE MUST AVOID MORE BAD *PUBLICITY*, JOHNNY
LISTEN TO ME I WILL TELL YOU WHAT MUST BE DONE

OVER *THERE*-- IT'S--
HSSSSSSSSS

--IT'S A WOMGGAH
SSSSSS

--OVER *HERE*--
-- MY *FACE*--
--IT'S A *WOMAN*--

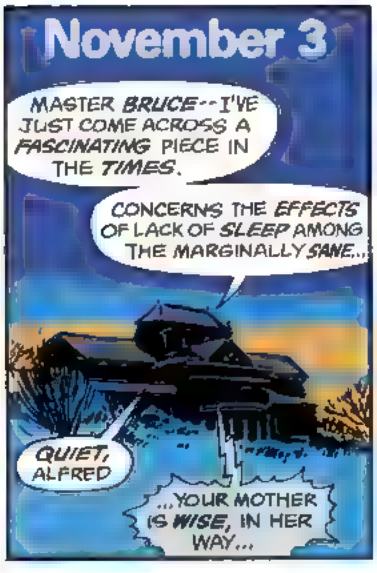
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT--
--LET *GO* OF ME YOU *IDIOT*--

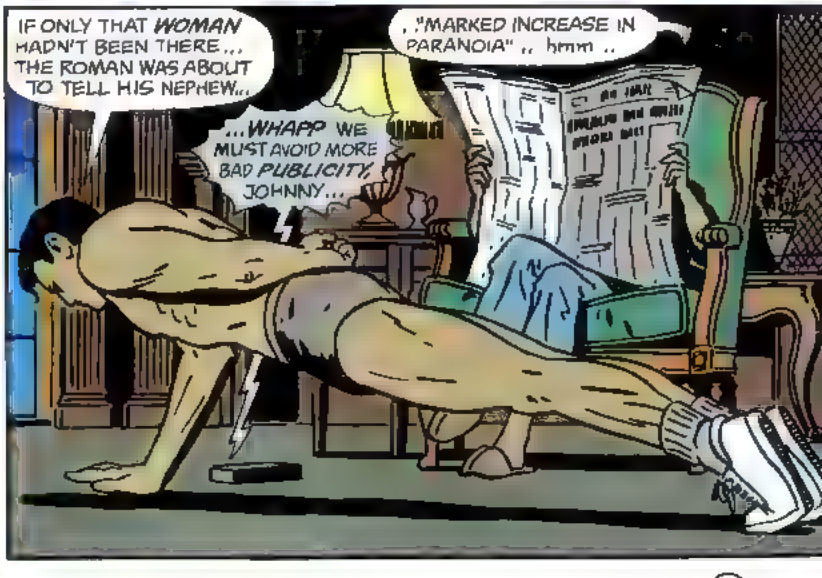
--HOW'D SHE GET *UP* HERE--
--WHO THE *HELL*--
--CLAWS MY *FACE*--

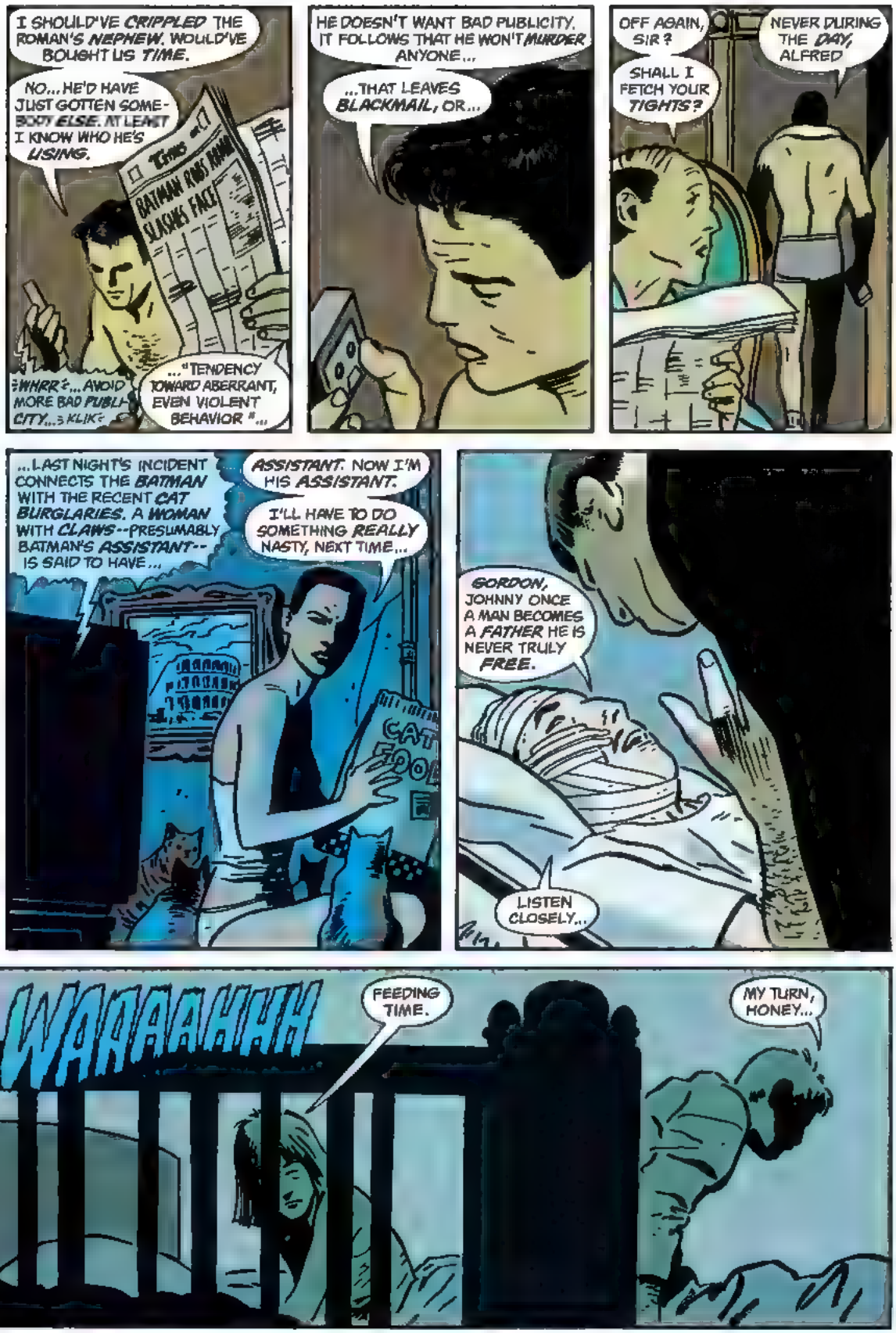
BATMAN. YOU WORK FOR THE BATMAN.
I WANT HER ALIVE.
-N PAIN
-OH GOD SOMEBODY HELP ME--
--HOW'D SHE GET UP HERE--
JOHNNY
SNAKK
YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE
JOHNNY?
THUNK
WHAT THE--
--BATMAN--
-IT'S BANG
THUNK
-- MY GOD IT'S--
-WHERE--
THUNK
WASTING MY TIME--

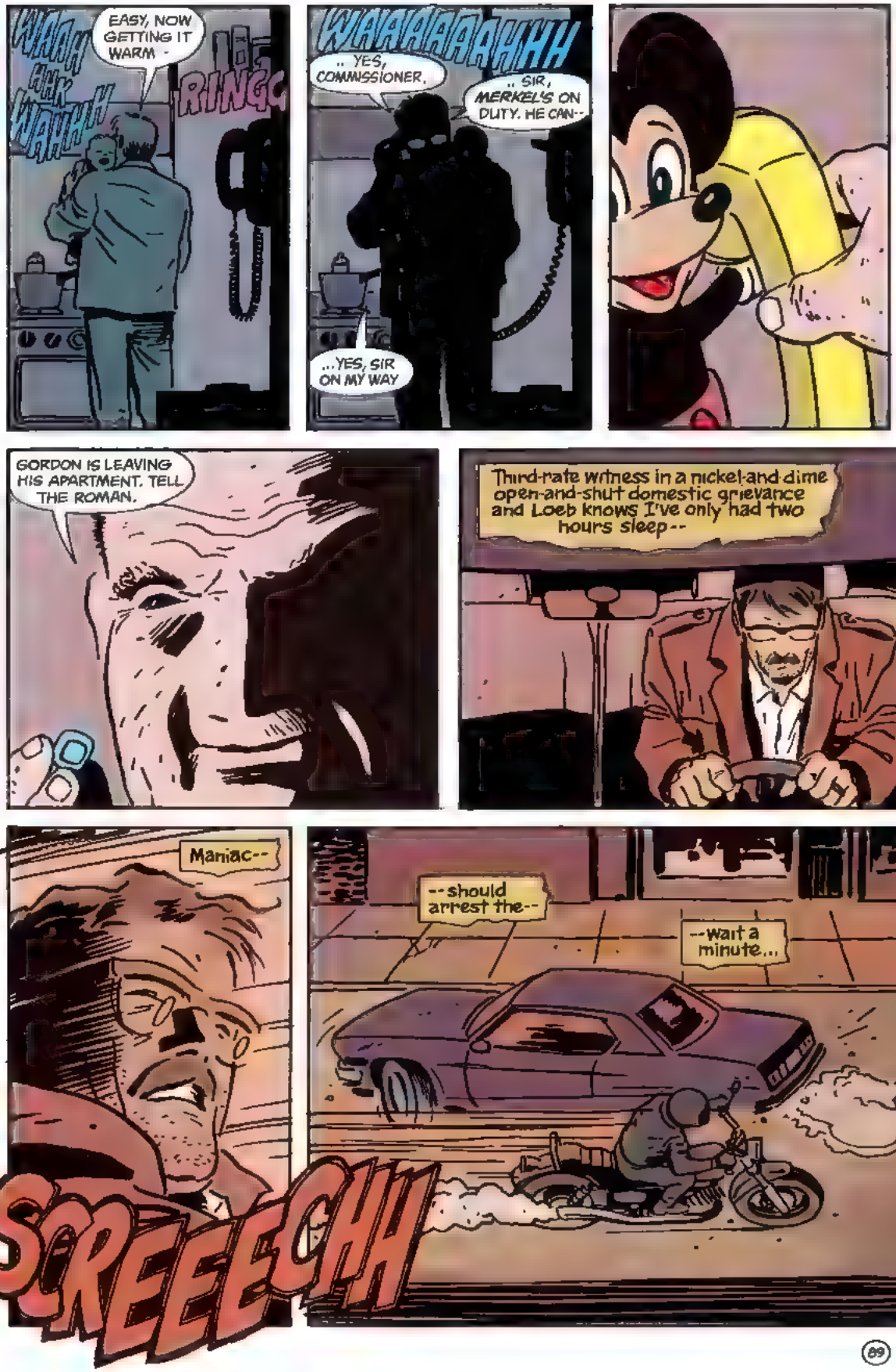
MY FACE--

MY FACE--


November 3
MASTER BRUCE--I'VE JUST COME ACROSS A FASCINATING PIECE IN THE TIMES.
CONCERNS THE EFFECTS OF LACK OF SLEEP AMONG THE MARGINALLY SANE...
QUIET, ALFRED
...YOUR MOTHER IS WISE, IN HER WAY...

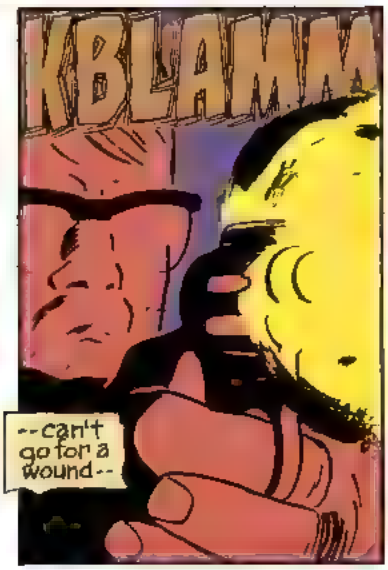

IF ONLY THAT WOMAN HADN'T BEEN THERE... THE ROMAN WAS ABOUT TO TELL HIS NEPHEW...
...WHAPP WE MUST AVOID MORE BAD PUBLICITY, JOHNNY...
"MARKED INCREASE IN PARANOIA" .. hmm ..


I SHOULD'VE CRIPPLED THE ROMAN'S NEPHEW. WOULD'VE BOUGHT US TIME.
NO... HE'D HAVE JUST GOTTEN SOMEBODY ELSE. AT LEAST I KNOW WHO HE'S USING.
TIMES
BATMAN KING'S KNIFE SLASHES FACE
:WHRR?... AVOID MORE BAD PUBLICITY...: KLIK?
..."TENDENCY TOWARD ABERRANT, EVEN VIOLENT BEHAVIOR"...
HE DOESN'T WANT BAD PUBLICITY, IT FOLLOWS THAT HE WON'T MURDER ANYONE...
...THAT LEAVES BLACKMAIL, OR...
OFF AGAIN, SIR?
SHALL I FETCH YOUR TIGHTS?
NEVER DURING THE DAY, ALFRED
...LAST NIGHT'S INCIDENT CONNECTS THE BATMAN WITH THE RECENT CAT BURGLARIES. A WOMAN WITH CLAWS--PRESUMABLY BATMAN'S ASSISTANT-- IS SAID TO HAVE...
ASSISTANT. NOW I'M HIS ASSISTANT.
I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING REALLY NASTY, NEXT TIME...
CAT FOOD
GORDON, JOHNNY ONCE A MAN BECOMES A FATHER HE IS NEVER TRULY FREE.
LISTEN CLOSELY...
WAAAAHAH
FEEDING TIME.
MY TURN, HONEY...


EASY, NOW GETTING IT WARM -
RINGG
WAAAAAAAHHH
.. YES, COMMISSIONER.
.. SIR, MERKEL'S ON DUTY. HE CAN--
...YES, SIR ON MY WAY
GORDON IS LEAVING HIS APARTMENT. TELL THE ROMAN.
Third-rate witness in a nickel-and-dime open-and-shut domestic grievance and Loeb knows I've only had two hours sleep--
Maniac--
--should arrest the--
--wait a minute...
SCREEECHH

...heading into my building's garage-- I don't recognize him--
--suddenly my stomach's cold as death and I'm twisting the wheel again--
--nickel-and-dime domestic--
--getting me out of the apartment--
SCREECH!!
--Barbara--
--James--
-no sign of the motorcycle-- plenty of places to hide in here--
--come on-- come on-- I'm ready for you--
WWAAUUUHH
DROP THE GUN, LIEUTENANT GO TO THE OFFICE WAIT FOR OUR CALL
JIM--

JIM--
If I let them go, they're dead--


KBLAMM
--can't go for a wound--

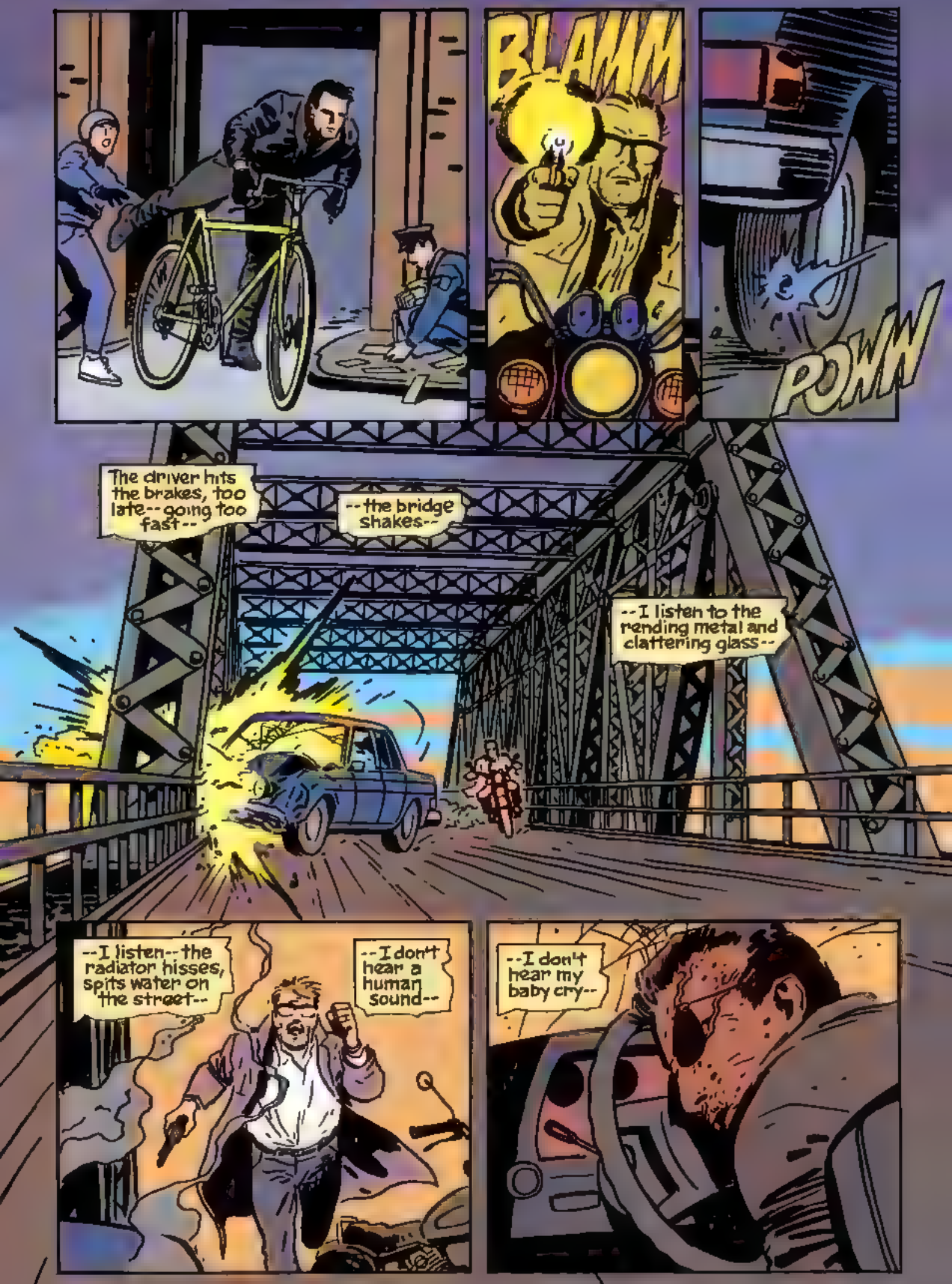
BLAM
--Good, Barbara --stay low--

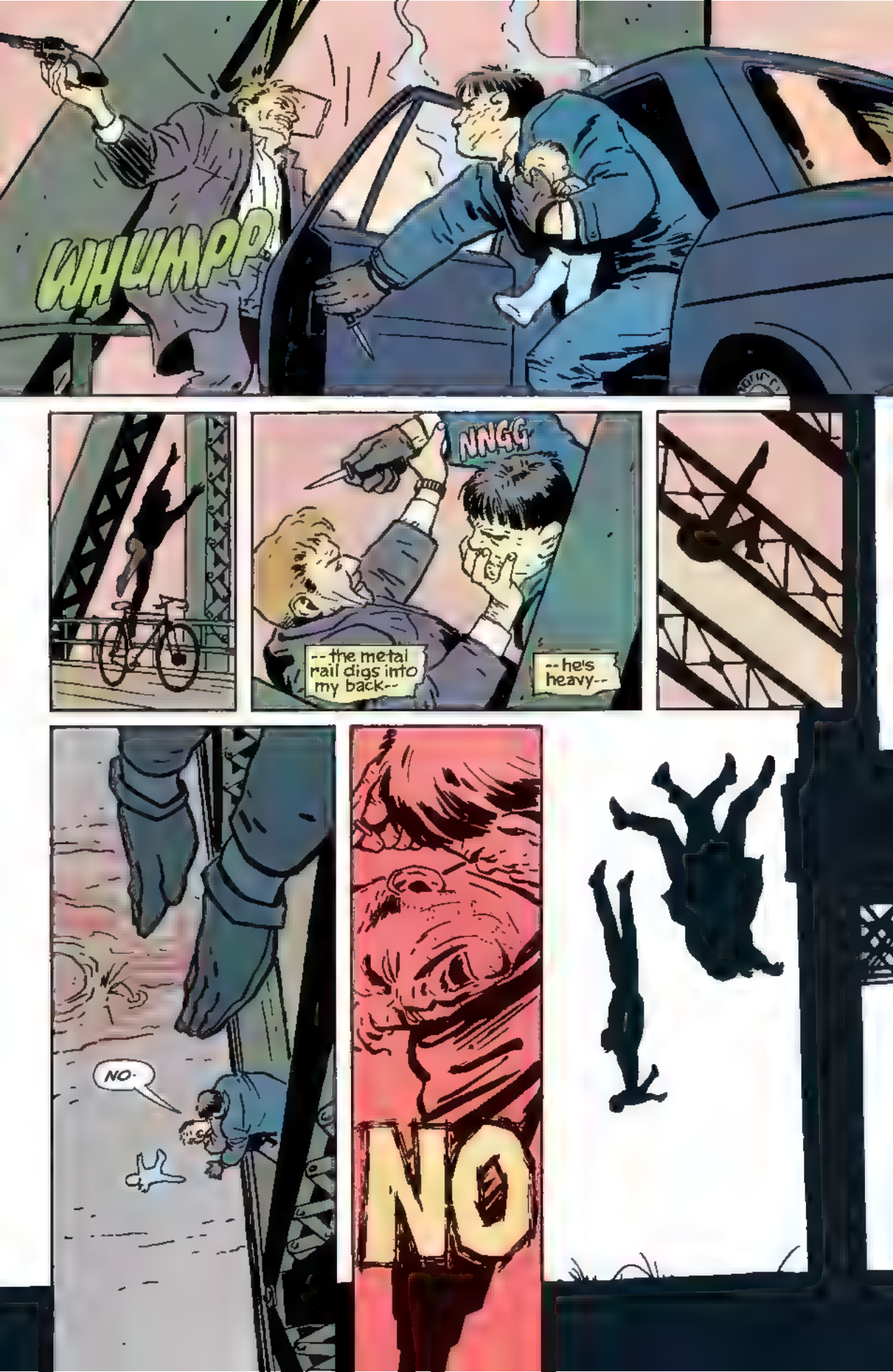
NNGG
BLAMM

--caught one in the shoulder--
--throws my aim off-- just for a second--
BLAMM
WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN--
GET OUT OF HERE HE'S CRAZY--
KP WEE
SKREEEE

Behind me a motorcycle starts--

BLAMM
GET OUT OF HERE, BARBARA--CALL A COP--
There--I can still see them--
--James--
DON'T--I'LL KILL YOU--
MRS. GORDON YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.
I WON'T LET YOUR BOY DIE.


BLAMM
POWW
The driver hits the brakes, too late--going too fast--
--the bridge shakes--
--I listen to the rending metal and clattering glass--
--I listen--the radiator hisses, spits water on the street--
--I don't hear a human sound--
--I don't hear my baby cry--


WHUMPP
NNGG
--the metal rail digs into my back--
--he's heavy--
NO-
NO

WWAAAAHHHH

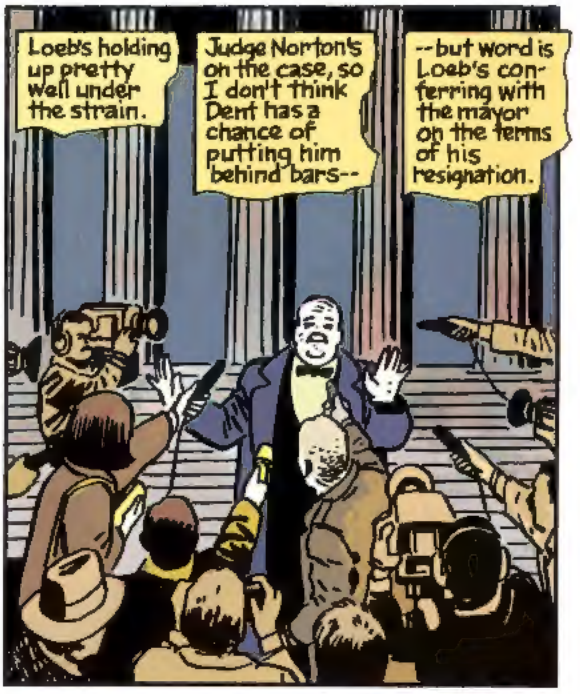
WAAAAAAHHHHH

WAAAHHHHHGLBB
THAT'S RIGHT. GOOD BOY. SETTLE DOWN, NOW. YOU'RE SAFE.

YOU MUST BE WEARING SOME ARMOR UNDER THAT JACKET.
YES.

YOU KNOW, I'M PRACTICALLY BLIND WITHOUT MY GLASSES.
SIRENS COMING. YOU'D BETTER GO.

Turns out Flass is smarter than anybody knew.
He took notes on every little talk he'd had with Commissioner Loeb. Dates, times -- it was all there.
Two weeks and five days in jail and he remembered where he kept the notes.


Loeb's holding up pretty well under the strain.
Judge Norton's on the case, so I don't think Dent has a chance of putting him behind bars--
--but word is Loeb's conferring with the mayor on the terms of his resignation.

December 3
They've already got Grogan primed to replace him, who's worse. Still, things aren't so bad, right now.
The Roman's been at war with his sister ever since he tried to get a hired knife slid between his nephew's ribs.
I had a few run-ins with his sister, back in Chicago, a few years ago. I don't envy the Roman.
They were all too busy to stand in the way of my promotion to Captain.

Sarah's in New York, doing well, I hear.
Barbara's not crazy about the marriage counselor, but we're making progress.
As for me -- well, there's a real panic on. Somebody's threatened to poison the Gotham reservoir.

Calls himself the Joker.
I've got a friend coming who might be able to help.
Should be here any minute.

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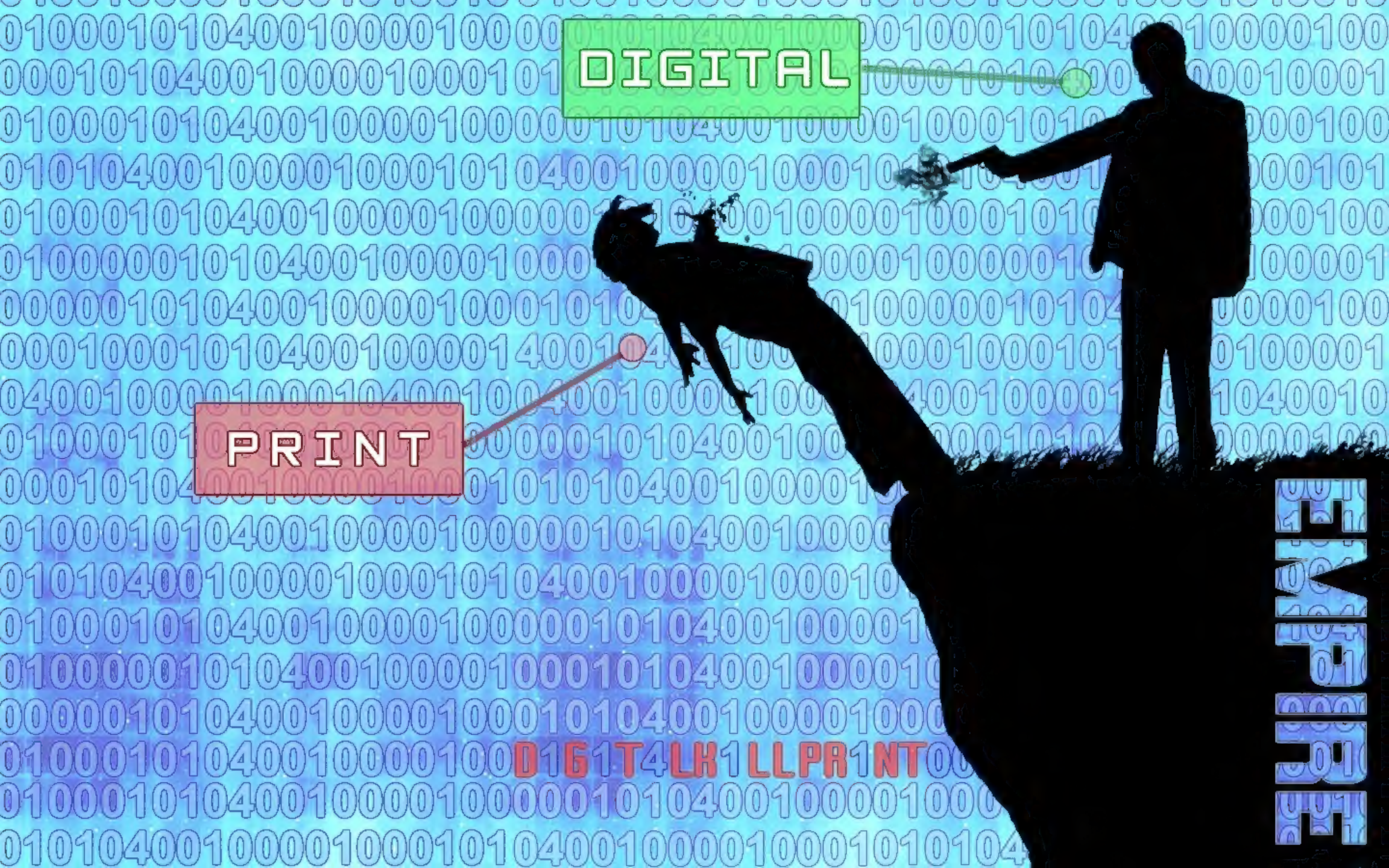
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